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SUBJECT: IDENTIFICATION OF MILITARY COUP LEADERS.

REF: TRIPOLI 2375.

1. FOLLOWING BIO DATA ON COLONEL QADAAFI, NEWLY APPOINTED [redacted] COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF LIBYAN ARMED FORCES OBTAINED [redacted] FOR PAST YEAR QADAAFI WAS ACTING CO OF FIRST SIGNAL SQUADRON, BENGHAZI UNTIL MID AUGUST WHEN HE BECAME ACTING ADJUTANT OF SIGNAL CORPS, IE., NUMBER TWO TO CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER COL AHMAD MADFAI'E. BIED

[redacted] QADAAFI'S SIGNAL COMPANY [redacted] HE IS INTELLIGENT AND WELL QUALIFIED OFFICER BUT EXTREMELY UNCOOPERATIVE AND HOT TEMPERED, AND DIFFICULT TO WORK WITH. HE REPEATEDLY TRIED ENVOLVE [redacted] IN POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS AND REGULARLY EXPRESSED ANTI-US AND ANTI-WESTERN VIEWS. BIED

2. LTC AADIM SAID AL HAWAZ NEW MINISTER OF DEFENSE WAS BORN IN BARCE IN 1938 [redacted] REPORTS THAT HE RARELY DISCUSSED INTERNATIONAL POLITICS BUT WAS VERY MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT "WHAT'S WRONG IN LIBYA", NOT ONLY IN HIS OWN FIELD BUT IN THE COUNTRY AS A WHOLE. LTC AADIM IS A DEDICATED MAN WHO HAS UNDERTAKEN STUDY OF SEVERAL FOREIGN LANGUAGES ON HIS OWN IN ORDER TO IMPROVE HIMSELF. HE HAS BEEN HEARD TO MAKE ANTI-BRITISH REMARKS, PARTICULARLY REGARDING BRITISH MISSLE BIED

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DEFENSE DEAL, AND HAS INDICATED PREVIOUSLY THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN US SIGNAL EQUIPMENT.

3. LTC MUSA AHMAD AL HAASI UNKNOWN TO [redacted] BIED [redacted] HAS REPORTED THAT THIS OFFICER HAS BEEN IN CHARGE IN BAIDA SINCE SEPTEMBER ONE SO HE MAY BE ABLE SUPPLY ADDITIONAL INFO.

4. I WILL CONSULT WITH [redacted] AND REPORT ANY ADDITIONAL BIED INFO THEY HAVE.
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